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## SCARLETS TRIUMPH

School spirit was high when the Golds gathered on one side of the Chapel and the Scarlets on the other to contest in the Forensics of the day. Hearty cheers proceeded from both sides. It was Bryan Field Day, held May 14, 1940.

Miss Kaltenbach reminded them of the meaning of the school colors: Scarlet for the blood of Christ, and Gold for purity. The two colors were blended in a knot of friendship showing our oneness in Christ.

Judges announced the Gold team, Jesse Humberd and Dean Geary, victors in the debate. Extempores and readings were given in a clever and interesting way.

Climaxing the morning session was the spelling bee, turning the score in favor of the Golds.

The cooks, one Gold and one Scarlet, stood for their sides and served beets and baked eggs in potato puffs.

After dinner Solon Hoyt won both broad and high-jumping contests. The Gold girls won their softball game, but the Scarlet boys defeated their opponents.

Homer Wright, Gold, won tennis singles, and Dan Hirsch and Wilbert Rahisler, Scarlet, the doubles.

Lowell Hoyt and John Harpor took both singles and doubles in ping-pong for the Scarlets, and Mark Lovengood and Dan Hirsch, also Scarlet, won the post-

## TO THE SENIORS

Although the Freshmen are unable to give a banquet or a May Day Festival for the Seniors, they have here tried to prepare what should be a valuable contribution to their memoirs of Bryan University.

They wish to thank all who have aided them in collecting this material.

## PRINTERS TAKE HOLIDAY

Eleven members of the Gutenberg Club, together with their sponsors, Mr. and Mrs. Llewellyn, enjoyed a twelve-mile boat ride on the river, May 25. Leaving at 3:30, the group drove to the dockwhere they boarded the Smith Brothers' boat.

They were unable to find the cave they were seeking, but hiking, climbing and swinging out over the river on a grapevine made up for this disappointment. A picnic lunch of hamburgers and fried potatoes was had.

Returning in the dusk with no lights but flashlights was thrilling, as they played hide-and-seek with the buoys.

or contest.  
The Golds excelled in Forensics and the Scarlets in Athletics. The Scarlet side will receive a cup, as a prize.

Both sides are to be highly commended and congratulated for the friendly spirit manifested and the good sportsmanship of each contestant.

## ANCHORS A-WEIGH

Anchors A-weigh! And so they did on the evening of May 17, when the Junior Class entertained the Seniors aboard the Mayflower, (Rho a Springs Hotel). Helmsman Paul presided over the drafting of a compact for the seniors who are entering new lands, to settle them and to provide homes there for their posterity.

Dean Geary presented the covenant, Ruth Dawson the pledge, after which Seaman Hall and First Mate Ryther proposed toasts.

Pilot Caloway gave a word of encouragement to the pioneers as they were preparing for their plunge into the unknown.

As to music, Mrs. Lynip, Miss Allen, Miss Goehring, and Mr. West created an atmosphere of the sea with lively and appropriate selections.

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## FRESH-SOPH SNEAK

Faculty, Freshmen and Sophomores gathered in the dining room at 8:00, May 17, to entertain themselves while Juniors and Seniors were away at their banquet.

"Poor Ole" Neil; they must be starving him. It appeared he had resorted to the rubbish pile when we saw Dr. Mac remove a long chain, a rubber hose, and a tin can from the body. He immediately recovered, for we saw him  
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GOLD MINE UNCOVERED

GOLD DISCOVERED!! WHERE?  
ON BRYAN HILL! Enormous hidden vein struck. It is wonderful news, and as true as Gospel. As a matter of fact I can prove to you it is so important that you can't afford to miss knowing all about your claim. Yes, you have one.

Life is what we make it. We speak of success, but how is success measured?

There are four sides to life: physical, spiritual, mental, and social. Your heart, your brain, your body, and your soul are the living tools with which it is your privilege to go prospecting for the gold of success. H. G. Wells tells us how every human being can determine whether he has really succeeded. He says, "Wealth, notoriety, place, or power are no measure of success whatever. The only true measure of success is the ratio between what we might have done and what we might have been on one hand, and the thing we have made of ourselves on the other."

Dr. Holmes, a noted psychologist, says that 95% of the people think an aimless, desultory, gossipy, flow of ideas and only 5% aim definitely direct, and

definitely arrive at conclusions. The truth may hurt, but this is truth. We are not successful because we are lazy -- too lazy to think, to think originally, to think creatively, too lazy to get out of the rut. We think of the great men whom we know as geniuses. Carlyle's definition of genius is "an infinite capacity for hard work." So that sweeps away many of our excuses. Some have had better opportunities than others.

Make a conquest of your fears. Accept the challenge. The greatest success of all time, the Lord Jesus Christ, has promised His strength. Through Him you can do all things! How are you building? "Now if any man build upon this foundation gold, silver, precious stones, wood, hay, stubble; every man's work shall be made manifest, for the day shall declare it." I Cor. 3:12. Do you dare to neglect your opportunity to build with the "GOLD" that is waiting to be mined this minute by those who inhabit Bryan Hill? You have what it takes

I DARE YOU!!

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FROSH-SOPH SNEAK

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later eating cherry pie.

The party over, plans were made for a "Get-away" excursion. Three cheers for Dr. Mac--a good sport! The Freshmen and Sophomores had their moonlight hike; something unusual.

Freshmen and Sophomore boys might better have surprised the upperclassmen if they had left the dormitory undisturbed. The joke was on them. There were "pajamas hanging in the trees, blankets streaming in the breeze," and late prowlers trying to rescue hidden mattresses.

SOPHOMORES FETE SENIORS

The chapel was transformed into a mass of pastel shades on May 1, when Sophomores entertained the Seniors at a formal festival.

Mr. Kee responded to the welcome given by Mr. Oliff. The future of the Seniors was revealed when 1950 news came over the radio in a living-room scene. Something about Bryan Campusology was given in a ditty, "When it's Springtime at Bryan," by Miss Lowe and Miss Wilson. Miss Everson told in recitation of the great day when Matilda voted.

Long live the May Queen! The Sophomores chose Miss Toliver as queen, with her attendants -- Miss Arnold, Miss Dawson, Miss Hummel, and Miss Penick. The gold crown was borne to the white throne by Albert Lovengood.

After the Grand March, Miss Toliver cut the three-layer cake, and it was served with brick ice cream. During refreshments Mr. Gibson entertained with a humorous reading.

All grasped streamers and marched gaily in and out about the May pole to the light music played by Miss Yancey.

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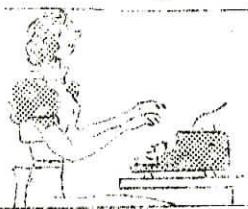
The entire school hiked May 22, to the scene of the stag hike, where they played games and toasted sandwiches.

Friday, May 24, a formal dinner was held in the dining room. Everything was arranged to fit the theme, "Africa," including songs, curios, and a love letter, the property of Miss Kaltbach.

The final banquet of the year, open only to alumni, faculty and seniors, will be the Alumni Banquet, at the Aqua Hotel, Saturday, June 1, 1940.

## SKETCHES OF THE SENIORS

Following the short description of each senior, one will find his testimony.



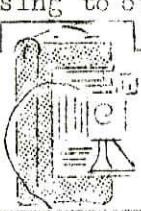
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town folks attending the hometown college. She has sung in several sextettes and quartettes and has sung in the choir this year. Her thesis is "The Life of John Greenleaf Whittier."

"Dear Diary,

"I'm leaving Bryan! What memories I carry away with no--hikes, parties, dinners. But not all has been play; though teachers have faithfully guided, studios have not been easy.

"Dear diary, the best hours have been spent learning of Christ, knowing Him as a living Saviour, Whose righteousness is imputed to me. How marvelous! I'm trusting I shall write you of even greater things to tell you He is using me and is making me such a blessing to others as Bryan has [redacted] been to me."



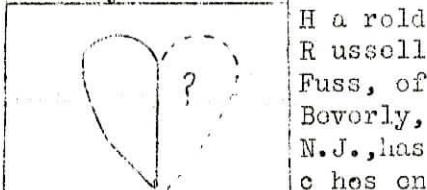
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time she goes home, looks for a Lost Crock in W. Va., transferred from Salem College in 1938. Her thesis is "Death." She has been President of the Camera Club for two years and has been active in Dramatics and Lay Ambassadors. Her hobby being photography she is often caught taking candid shots for the COLONER.

"Not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to His mercy he saved us, by the washing of regeneration, and renewing of the Holy

Spirit; which he shed on us abundantly through Jesus Christ our Saviour; that being justified by His grace, we should be made heirs according to the hope of eternal life. Tit. 3:5,6.

"As I go forth from Bryan, I echo the words of Isaiah, 'Here am I, Lord, send me,' trusting in His promise, 'I will guide thee with mine eyes'. Ps. 32:8."



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as the title of his thesis "Grace." He was President of Forensic Union and President of the boys' Council last year.

"Glad to be able to say that during my stay at Bryan University I have realized the assurance of eternal salvation. I have been instructed through His Word in the teachings of His marvelous Grace. It has not been my experience that the Christian life is an easy one, but it is a joyous one as we yield to the Holy Spirit."



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from Beverly, N.J., with one semester at Eastern Baptist Theological Seminary, Philadelphia, completed her work at Bryan in three years. She established her reputation as a "Whiz" at mathematics. Her thesis title sounds encouraging, "Misfortune Lakes for Fane."

"Like the rest of Bryan students I would like to say that I know the Lord

Jesus and that he means much to me in my life. I'm thankful I have a Friend in Him that I can talk with me in work, study and recreation.

"The Christian fellowship of my classmates at Bryan has meant much to me and I thank the Lord for each friend in Christ that I have at Bryan."



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man from Mt. Dora, Florida, has, in the last two years, uncovered and developed a good tenor voice, and has sung many solo numbers. He has chosen as his thesis, "Shakespeare's Mythology."

"I feel very much in the position of one who sought for a twopence and found priceless wealth, for I came to Bryan in search of an education and found the source of all knowledge which flows from that precious Fount, the Lord Jesus Christ. My trust and hope are in Him who can save to the uttermost, who sets forth this in which I find the greatest strength: 'I am the resurrection and the life; he that believeth in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live: and whosoever liveth and believeth in me shall never die.'

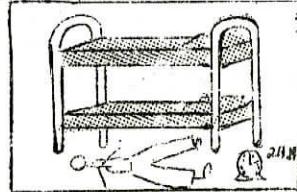


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ing in 1937, Joyce Irene Hirsch, of Evans City, Pa., has been very active in the Foreign Missions Fellowship, having felt the call to the African field.

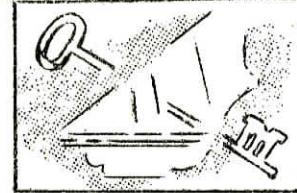
Her thesis, "The Use of Mythology in Advertising," portrays a great deal of her talent in art.

"God sometimes makes His children wait a while before He reveals to them His plan for their lives. This was true in my life, until He definitely told me Bryan University was the place He had selected for the instruction He promised in Ps. 32:8, to fit us for His work. I can only thank Him for a place of instruction as well as His guidance."



Lillian Verna Hummel, Clearfield Pa., has

written her thesis on "The Tabernacle in the Wilderness and its Typical Significance." In her Junior year she was a member of the Girls' Student Council and sang in the choir. She is Business Manager of the 1940 COLLOQUER.



Howard Clark Kee, of Beverly N. J., has been

here at Bryan only three years, having spent one semester at Temple University in Philadelphia. As a Junior and Senior he was active in Forensic Union and each year presented a piano recital. He was President of the Dramatics club last year and is President of the Senior Class now. He sings tenor in the Male Quartet. His thesis is, "The Development of the Modern Symphony Orchestra."

"In a short time I expect to wave what may be my last farewell to Bryan Hill. I expect to carry off (in addition to my luggage) many memories of

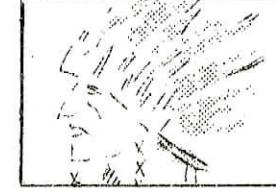
tile walls and clangy dinner-bells, of missing bobs and leaky roofs, of campus lights and dusty roads, of invigorating hikes and spring fever, of banging steam-pipes and slamming doors. On the serious side, I shall take an assurance of salvation through Christ's atonement, a knowledge of the truths of God's Word, blessed memories of times of fellowship and prayer. Our fellowship may temporarily cease, but it will be renewed when the Blessed Hope materializes. 'Even so, come quickly, Lord Jesus!'



Glen Harey Klaun, Detroit, Kansas, has taken as the subject of his thesis, "The Person and Work of the Holy Spirit." During his college career he has been active in debate and the Student Pastors' Fellowship.

"Let Him that glorieth, glory in this, that he understandeth and knoweth me, that I am the Lord which exercise lovingkindness, judgment, and righteousness in the earth; for in these things I delight, saith the Lord.'

"While at Bryan the Lord has made himself known to me. He has patiently dealt with me and now my only aim in life is to praise Him and to make Him known to others.



Leaving Allen-town Mildred Kuntz came to Bryan to prepare to meet her Indians. She has an interest in Jews also, her thesis being, "Customs of

Jewish People in Palestine." She has been interested in Christian Service all four years and is an active member of the Camera Club.

"Praise God from whom all blessings flow!"

"The Lord has done great things for me since I have accepted Him as my Saviour and one of the greatest of these gifts is the opportunity of attending Bryan University. God has raised up this University that young men and women might have a better foundation for life, both intellectually and spiritually.

"I know I am better prepared for my mission work among the Indians because I have spent those last four years in training under men and women of God."



Rebecca McPeek came to us from Elyria, and has

been very active in three distinct fields of activities: in Christian Service, being president of Lay Ambassadors this year; in music, being a member of the Girls' sextette and quartettes all four years, and the choir one year; on the NEWSLETTER staff, she has advanced from reporter to editor. Her thesis is, "Ambassadors for Christ."

"When nearly four years ago, under the Lord's direction, I entered Bryan University, I could scarcely imagine that four years could be so well filled with happy experiences and still pass so rapidly.

"The greatest value of my college career will not probably be from the Greek or French words that I stuttered or the mathematical formulae with which I struggled, but in the lessons that have prepared

me to face life with a simple trust in my Saviour for every detail of life.

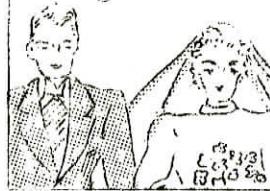
"Thou wilt show me the path of life: in thy presence is fulness of joy: at thy right hand there are pleasures for evermore." Ps. 16:11.



Thaddeus Southern Gentlemen from New Orleans

J. H. Holmes Smith, III, transferred from Tulane University, New Orleans, in 1938. He has been active in Forensic Union and is Advertising Manager of the 1940 COMMONER. His thesis is, "The Tribulation."

"I wish to express my appreciation to the school for what it has meant in my life. Since coming here to school last year I have had the privilege of sitting under Dr. Currons and Dr. Gregg and have been greatly blessed by both their ministries. Also I have learned what it is to trust the Lord for the small things as well as the large."



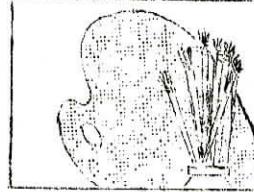
Castance LaVonne Ponick from Pa.

has been very active during her college career. She was a member of the girls' sextette and quartettes for three years, and the choir two years. She has been a Council member two years, and Critic of the Forensic Union two years. She is Editor-in-Chief of the 1940 COMMONER. Her thesis is, "The Second Coming."

"Your school days are the happiest ones in your life." How often all of us have heard these words fall from the lips of our elders. Yet all too fre-

quently those who are still enjoying them are heard lamenting their lot and wishing these years of drudgery were past.

"Take this tip from one whose days in the classroom are about to end: make each day count for something. Plan your daily schedule so that you can participate wholeheartedly in a variety of extra-curricular activities. Enjoy to the limit your opportunities for fellowship with other Christian young people. Learn to put first things first. Do your part to make our school motto--God Above All--a meaningful phrase in your experience."



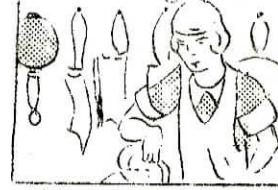
Ruth Bernice Toliver is a hometown student who was class vice-president in her freshman year, and president the next two years. She has proved her abilities as a member of girls' sextettes and quartettes, as a NEWSLETTER reporter and as Art Editor of the COMMONER. Her thesis is, "The Life and Works of Alexander Pope."

"The many opportunities for Christian fellowship as well as for Christian education have made the past four years at Bryan a joy to me which I could not have found in any other place. The Lord has truly been lifted up in the lives of the faculty and the students, and He has become more real and precious to me here, although I knew Him as my Saviour before I came. My sincere hope is that Bryan, in recognizing Him as having first place in all things, may prove a blessing to others as it has been to me. Ps. 37:5."



Benjamin S. Stuart Whitten transffered from Western State College, Gunnison, Colo., in 1938. He has been sec. of the Men's Student Council this year, and sec. of the Student Pastors' Fellowship for two years. His thesis is, "Faith."

"I praise God for Bryan University and for bringing me here. It means so much to have the academic subjects taught in the light of the Word of God and to have the Christian fellowship with the students. Here we have the privilege of learning to walk daily with the Lord--which is true education. I thank God that I know He has saved me and is with me forevermore. Praise His matchless grace!"



Dorothy Elizabeth Whitten transferred from Western State College in 1938. Her thesis is, "The Times of the Gentiles." She has been Class Treasurer both years and is interested in Christian Service. She is president of the Girls' Student Council.

"For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves; it is the gift of God: not of works, lest any man should boast." Eph. 2:8,9.

"Bryan has meant the assurance of my salvation through Dr. Curron's ministry of grace and the fellowship of other Christians.

"Now, thanks be unto God for His great love, I am confident that He which hath begun a good work in me will perform it until the day of Jesus Christ."

THE SKY IS FALLING



By  
CHICKEN  
LITTLE

Dearest Bryanites,

My, I thought the sky had fallen down and gone, "Boom!" Didn't you hear it? It was directed by Dean Ryther; Boomlay, boomlay, boomlay, BOOM! Some one said the color scheme of the formal dinner was green because it was given in honor of the Freshmen, but someone else told me it wasn't even given for them. Anyway, cheer up, you won't be Freshies long--I hope!

I've been carrying on a great search to find out how Miss Maltonbach got hold of that love letter. Any information you can give will be appreciated.

Have you noticed a n y change in that Gibson boy? The only thing I can see is that he used to be a lady's man but now he's the ladies' man. More power to you

Who's the colored girl that a tall young man stepped out with last Sunday night? Anyway, he said he didn't need to wear a white shirt because he was just going w i t h the negroes. A clue to his identity might be that he has only two speeds--slow and reverse.

One Gutenberg is gone or was gone, or didn't go, so I'll bet Jeeves looked lonesome on the picnic. Well, I guess he did serve as a chaperon.

It was reported to me that the Kansas Klamm was bragging because he had never done anything to merit being in this column. All I have to say is that his bad qualities are like his good ones--hidden.

Dr. Mac said on the moonlight hike that he would

watch over them just as a hen watches over her little chickens, but he did insist that if one of them was drowned or killed, he never would take him again.

"Do Bryan students just naturally come in pairs?" That was a question asked at the all-school hike.

I thought surely the sky was falling when the Brass Ensemble all tapped their feet in the middle of a picce. Miss Yancey said it was the drum, but I have my doubts. I guess I'll ask them to let me play the snare drum the next time.

I'll have to be chirping "Goodbye" for this year, much as I hate to. Please don't let those examination marks fall on your heads. I'll watch the sky. See you later, if not sooner.

Affectionately,  
Chicken Little.

P.S. Here is a piece of paper I found in a Senior's waste basket. I thought you might be interested.

C.L.

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN

We, the stalwart class of '40, having trod the rugged college path these last four years, being intact in body, mind, and spirit, do hereby pause in our hasty exit to publish our last bequest and will.

In all solemnity and gravity we do hereby bequeath to our successors these most valuable and rare acquisitions, to wit:

To the Juniors we relinquish our cherished dignity and pride, our overbearingness and love of dictatorial powers, and our indisputable influence, in the hope that they may be the lordly Seniors--hardhearted campus tyrants as we have been.

The Sophomores shall inherit our diplomacy and

intrigue; our secrecy of plan and execution. We wish to them our foolishness and wisdom and financial success, that next year's Seniors may be lavishly banqueted.

To the Freshmen we will our fortitude in face of exams; our pranks and our jokes; and above all, the ability to have a good time, no matter what's up.

Being through with all good advice, rules and discipline, we now most gladly return them to the teachers to be used in the burdening of our followers.

And now we do bequeath our personal accomplishments to the following heirs to wit:

Mabel Arnold's Southern charm to Ralph Gibson.

Ruth Dawson's charming smile and domestic demeanor to Laura Belle Eastep.

Eileen Garwood's Math prowess to Margaret Lowe.

Harold Fuss's dignified bearing to Ray Coburn.

Joyce Hirschy's artistic talent to C. Blackburn.

Lillian Hummel's smile to Bob Jones.

Howard Kee's piano talent to Lowell Hoyt.

Glenn Klemm's oratorical gift to Lawrence L.

Mildred Kuntz's weight to Mitchell West.

Rebecca Peck's Dean's list privileges to Homer Wright.

Connie Penick's French vocabulary to Lester H.

Jack Smith's way with redheads to Neil Benfer.

Ruth Toliver's vocal talent to Robert Thompson.

Ben White's mechanical ability to Gordon Matheny.

Dorothy White's cooking talent to Fay Coburn.

Alvin Hall's rich tenor to John Harper.

These gifts shall become the possession of the said legatees at the beginning of the school year, 40-41, with out correction.